

Four ways to improve your searches

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Works in most search engines and databases...

Boolean

AND

- Narrows a search
(You don't need to add AND in Google)
apples AND oranges

OR

- Widens a search
apples OR oranges

NOT

- Narrows a search
(In Google, use a minus sign in front of the word)
apples NOT oranges

Quotes

To search for those exact words in that exact order, put them in speech marks.

“fruit salad”

Only in Google, Sweetsearch etc

Search a filetype

To search in Google for a particular type of document, eg. pdf, ppt

Enter your keywords followed by filetype:

fruit health benefits filetype:pdf

Search a url

To limit your search to a particular type of website, eg. .edu, .gov., .au.

To use Google to search within a particular website, eg. the ABS.

Enter your keywords followed by inurl:

apple farming inurl:abs.gov.au

growing oranges inurl:.au